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In re application of Tong) PHOSPHORUS-SULFUR BASED
Serial No.: 09/396,715) ANTIFOULANTS
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REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Office Action dated June 20, 2000, Applicants respectfully request a three month extension of the term for response, from the present term of September 20, 2000, up to a new term of December 20, 2000.

A check is enclosed in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the cost of said extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-2325 for any additional fee deemed necessary.

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